

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claim 27 has been amended to clarify the manner in which the invention recited distinguishes patentably from the prior art.

Claim 27 now recites a first selection portion for selecting an image-taking mode or a reproduction mode. The claim also recites that the display portion is adapted to display a moving image of the object picked up by the image pickup portion before applying an operation to the instruction member in the image-taking mode and to display a still image by reproducing the image data recorded on the detachable memory in the reproduction mode.

Finally, the claim recites a control portion that (a) causes the number of recordable still images calculated by the calculation portion previous to the user operation of the instruction member to be displayed overlapping with the moving image on the display portion when the detachable memory is attached to the camera body in the image-taking mode, (b) causes the display portion to display an indication that the memory is not attached, without displaying the moving image, when the detachable memory is not attached to the camera body, even in the image-taking

mode, and (c) causes the display portion to display a still image by reading out the image data recorded on the detachable memory in the reproduction mode.

The rejection of Claim 27 under 35 U.S. C. § 103(a) relies upon Hisayoshi (JP 2-82773A) in combination with Fujimori (5,027,214) and Watanabe (4,887,161).

The rejection acknowledges that the combined teaching of Fujimori in view of Watanabe fails to teach that the control portion causes the display portion to display an image that the memory is not attached, without displaying the moving image, when the memory is not attached to the camera body. The rejection relies upon Hisayoshi to cure the deficiencies of Fujimori in view of Watanabe.

However, Hisayoshi does not cure the deficiencies of Fujimori in view of Watanabe with particular regard to the display portion and the control portion now recited in Claim 27.

Hisayoshi is directed to a reproduction processor which is adapted to display data recorded on a video disk. Hisayoshi does not teach or suggest a display portion that is caused to display an indication that a memory is not attached, without displaying a moving image when the detachable memory is not attached to a camera body, even in an image-taking mode.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that the combination of Fujimori, Watanabe, and Hisayoshi does not reasonably teach or suggest all of the features now recited in Claim 27, including a first selection portion for selecting an image-taking mode or a reproduction mode, a display portion adapted to display a moving image in the image-taking mode and to display a still image by reproducing image data recorded on the detachable memory in the reproduction mode, and a control portion which causes the display of a moving image when the detachable memory is attached to the camera body in the image-taking mode, which causes the display of an indication that the memory is not attached, without displaying the moving image, when the detachable memory is not attached to the camera body, even in the image-taking mode, and which causes the display of a still image by reading out image data recorded on the detachable memory in the reproduction mode.

Accordingly, Claim 27 and dependent Claims 28 and 30 should be allowed. A minor amendment has been made in Claim 28 for clarity in view of the recitation of a first selection portion in base Claim 27.

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (XA-7183E) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

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